

## Regional Administrator's 300-Day Plan

### 2006 Accomplishments - Region 6

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#### Clean The Air

Ensure clean air for communities 12

- ▶ Complete 8-hr ozone attainment strategies for DFW, Houston and Baton Rouge, including mobile source strategies
  - √ Texas SIPs adopted, Baton Rouge on target for June 2007
- ► Establish first national framework for Economic Development Zone Crittenden County and achieve the attainment schedule
  - Proposed December 2006
- Complete Voluntary Early Action Compact Progress Assessments for San Antonio, Austin, Tyler-Longview, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Shreveport, and Farmington, NM to achieve early attainment <sup>1</sup>
  - ✓ Completed. San Antonio deferral extended to April 2008

#### **Restore And Protect The Water**

Ensure public drinking water

- ▶ 90% of population served by community water systems receives drinking water that meets all health based standards
  - √ Exceeded; Current data shows 97.1%

Provide leadership to restore and protect watersheds and coastal waters <sup>1</sup>

- ▶ Complete 3 state priority watershed plans
  - √ Completed; Rio Puerco, NM, Ft. Cobb, OK, and Bayou Bartholomew, AR
- ▶ Jointly inspect with TCEQ 10% of CAFOs in the Bosque watershed
  - √ Achieved 10% goal
- Jointly inspect with NMED 20% of CAFOs in the lower Pecos watershed
  - √ Achieved 20% goal
- ▶ Complete 115 TMDLs in LA, AR, NM
  - √ Exceeded; Completed 162 TMDLs
- ▶ Achieve 90% issuance rate for major NPDES permits
  - ✓ Exceeded; Achieved 92.2% issuance rate
- Issue general Stormwater Phase II permit for all municipalities
  - √ Completed September 2006

#### **Recycle And Renew Polluted Land**

Make land available for Reuse 1

- ► Complete remedies at 4 nationally significant Superfund sites and make property available for reuse
  - Exceeded; Completed 5 remedies; Air Force Plant #4, Ouachita Nevada, Sheridan Disposal, Combustion, and Old Inger

#### **Recycle And Renew Polluted Land (cont)**

- Resolve waste management issues at 9 additional RCRA facilities to be made safe for human exposure & 8 safe for groundwater
  - Exceeded; Completed 12 for human exposure and 14 for groundwater

Target assessment and clean up activities in urban areas

- ▶ Target 35 Brownfields assessment grants to urban areas ¹
  - √ Exceeded; 103 Brownfields assessments done
- Select remedies for 4 NPL sites to make land available
  - 4 completed; Hart, Garland, Grants Chlorinated & Jasper

Tar Creek Superfund Site Lead Clean-Up 1

- Implement a fines re-injection pilot at a chat washing operation
  - √ Completed; Bingham Sand and Gravel pilot underway
- ▶ Coordinate OU4 plan revision with State of Oklahoma
  - √ Draft Final Proposed Plan & RI/FS completed

#### **Make Compliance Our Enforcement Objective**

Prioritize decisions to maximize environmental benefits<sup>1</sup>

- ► Target 35% of air full compliance evaluations in nonattainment areas or areas impacting the non-attainment
  - √ Achieved 35%
- Conduct 5 inspection workshops for EPA regional offices and states targeting water, air and hazardous waste inspections
   ✓ Completed
  - Issue 5 CAA 114 letters on NSR compliance
- √ Completed
- ► Focus 70% of NPDES enforcement actions to support national priorities
  - √ Achieved 94% of goal
- ▶ Investigate and settle a total of 85% of Regional refinery capacity related to the national Refinery Initiative
  - ) Ashioved
- Conduct 58 financial assurance joint audits with LDEQ for TSD facilities
  - √ Completed
- ▶ Conduct 4 MS4 Audits
  - **√** Completed
- Conduct inspections at 4 mineral processing facilities
  - √ Completed
- ▶ Issue 12 orders and compel \$23 million in clean-up
  - V Exceeded; 17 orders and compelled \$11.6 million; PetroChem \$15M awaiting action by court in Feb 2007



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## Promote Innovative Approaches to Environmental Problem-solving

Promote water conservation and efficiency <sup>1</sup>

- ▶ Launch Resource Conservation Challenge program and reduce contaminants by 17,500 lbs
  - ✓ Exceeded; Reduced 723,000 lbs of priority chemicals

Blue Skyways Collaboration 1

- Reduce diesel emissions in central US
  - 32 Partners & communities; \$386M, 252 project and 8,577 retrofits reducing 37,000 tons & saving 125M gallons fuel

Seek positive opportunities for collaboration with regulated parties <sup>1</sup>

- ▶ Conduct 10 P-Track site visits
  - √ Achieved goal
- ▶ Eliminate backlog in the review of companies' self-disclosure reports
  - √ Completed

#### Help Protect The Security of America

Disaster Response and Preparedness 1 2

- ▶ Provide executive level training on Incident Command System √ Scheduled February 2007
- ▶ Conduct 8-10 tabletop and field exercises
  - √ Exceeded; Completed 11 exercises
- Ensure continuity of operations by providing a state-of-the-art facility
  - Leases signed in November 2006; design phase for buildout

#### Pandemic Flu Preparedness

- Complete response plan to address pandemic flu response actions
  - Action Plan drafted May 2006; Revisions planned for Spring 2007

#### **Assist Recovery Efforts in Louisiana**

Address priorities of hurricane response 2

- ▶ Complete activities in 100% of Parishes
  - Achieved projected work; additional mission assignments in 4 Parishes
- Collect 100% of the household hazardous waste and white goods
  - √ Achieved projected work; additional mission assignment in 1 Parish
- Award \$150,000 in EJ grants to assist hurricane community efforts
  - √ Completed; 3 grants awarded

#### **Assist Recovery Efforts in Louisiana (cont)**

- Award \$23.6 million in grant funds to support Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Programs
  - ✓ Completed; \$11.8M CWSRF and \$11.7M DWSRF
- ▶ Help address tribal specific needs in hurricane impacted areas
  - ✓ Provided direct assistance to Houma Nation Tribe

Assist LDEQ with delegated program management

- ▶ Provide targeted CWA contract assistance
  - √ Completed
- Partner with LDEQ to investigate 7 refineries to support Refinery Initiative
  - √ Achieved

#### **Develop collaborative networks**

Address state-specific priorities and objectives

- ▶ Approve SIPs for nonattainment areas
  - √ Proposed or finalized approval of SIP actions; 23
    Federal Register Notices
- ▶ Promote Watershed Projects & Improve water monitoring ¹
  - √ All 5 States developed comprehensive monitoring strategies
- Assist States with impacts of storm water and non-point source pollution on aging municipal infrastructure <sup>1</sup>
  - √ National Sustainable Infrastructure Workgroup participation
- Promote new technologies (e.g., remote sensing project in Memphis, Houston, Baton Rouge) <sup>1</sup>
  - √ Remote sensing projects completed in Baton Rouge, Houston, and Arkansas/Memphis

Address tribal priorities and objectives 2

- Enhance tribal capacity through funding and technical assistance
  - √ Awarded 53 GAP grants to 50 tribes and 2 tribal consortia; 61 tribes provided with on-site technical assistance
- Ensure 85% of the population served by Tribal community water systems receives water that meets health based standards
  - ✓ Exceeded; Achieved 99.7%
- ▶ Conduct federal/Tribal consultation on TAS legislation
  - √ Consultation with 30 OK tribes on SAFETEA
- ▶ Increase UST compliance to 50%
  - √ Exceeded; Compliance rate is 64%.



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#### Develop collaborative networks (cont)

Promote collaborations in the Gulf of Mexico region

- Work with 4 States to develop nutrient criteria that will reduce nutrient loading <sup>2</sup>
  - **√** Completed

Empower citizens with good science, sound data and ready access to decision makers

- ▶ Partner with 3 communities to develop risk reduction action plans
  - ✓ Completed; OK Solid Waste Initiative, Kelly Area Collaborative, and OK Water Quality Standards Collaborative

#### **Energy Production and Efficiency**

Promote innovative energy projects to meet the nation's energy needs

- ► Complete Waste-to-Energy Geographic Information System Tool for potential users
  - √ Phase I completed; Phase II underway
- ▶ Complete 26 Waste-to-Energy Landfill Gas Recovery projects Oil and gas initiative <sup>2</sup>
  - √ Exceeded; 28 projects are underway.
- ▶ Provide technical assistance on 10 Power Plant Permits
  - √ Comments provided on permits
- ► Conduct 14 full compliance evaluations with onsite compliance assistance in collaboration with our state partners
  - **√** Completed
- Implement Action Plan with states using enforcement and voluntary emissions reductions
  - √ Completed

Expedite review and permitting to meet the nation's energy needs 1

- ▶ Complete 2 offshore LNG permit reviews <sup>2</sup>
  - √ Completed

## Improve The Environment Along The US/Mexico Border

Provide border residents with safe drinking water and adequate sanitation <sup>1</sup>

- ▶ Provide drinking water to 2,500 more homes
  - ✓ Exceeded; 22,458 additional homes served
- ▶ Provide sanitation to an additional 15,000 homes
  - ✓ Exceeded: 30,195 additional homes served
- ▶ Increase BEIF disbursement rate by 7%
  - ✓ Completed; 7% rate achieved

Provide for waste management along border communities

- Reduce waste tires by 30,000 tires
  - Exceeded; 780,000 tires removed from El Paso/Juarez and Eagle Pass/Piedras Negras

#### **Managing Resources Wisely**

Integrate the Agency's strategic management of human capital program with our regional PeoplePlan <sup>1</sup>

- ▶ Each division will update its PeoplePlan by year's end
  - √ Division updates completed; OEJTA issued new plan
- Provide 45 training courses to Region 6 staff
  - √ Exceeded; 73 courses provided
- Executive Coaching sessions will be provided to at least 20 managers
  - √ Exceeded; 32 managers receiving coaching.

Ensure integrity of our grants management focused on environmental results per President's Management Agenda <sup>1</sup>

- Close out 97% of grants ending in FY04 and earlier
  - √ Exceeded at 99.9% regionwide
- Award 80% of the Region's grants within 60 days of receiving a complete package
  - ✓ Exceeded; Regionwide average is 22 days.

Questions? Please talk with your supervisor about our progress and goals.

